

BIRDBATH WALL POCKET

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The Birdbath wall pocket was introduced in 1949. The catalog number is "No. 724". Measurements of the wall pocket are just under 8 inches in length with a width of about 6 inches.

Production colors are green, blue and yellow. The bird is again a separate piece of pottery attached to the wall pocket.



Above, the blue color production Birdbath wall pocket with yellow bird.



Right, the back of the wall pocket showing the "McCoy" mark.

Below are examples of the green Birdbath production wall pocket with yellow bird and the yellow production wall pocket right with a green bird.



The Birdbath wall pocket is usually not found with damage but with the exception of the bird figure. The bird kind of sits right at the top of the wall pocket with but little protection around it in any direction. As a result, it is probably 50-50 chance when you of these Birdbath wall pockets that you will find it without any damage of the bird. More specifically, it is the tail feathers area and/or the upper wing that are usually the location of the damage.
Value of \$25-50.

Right; this production blue body example shows what the main piece of the Birdbath wall pocket looks like before the bird piece is added and re-fired. You can see that there is a very specific location on the body where the bird is to be mounted. Value: \$ 20-30



Left; a production green body example but with a green bird rather than the normal yellow bird that would be applied to this color wall pocket.
Value: \$ 35-60



As noted earlier, the bird is the usual location if damage is found on a Birdbath wall pocket. Given the high frequency of this occurrence, often times an owner of the piece makes an effort to repair the bird. Below, please find photos of two examples where the bird has had a significant repair effort. The example on the left is a blue body with yellow bird and the right a yellow body with green bird. Of this two, it would seem the repair effort on the green bird would win the prize. Value of \$15-25

